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Classified By: Charge D'Affaires James D. Nealon
for reasons 1.4 (B) and (D)

11. (C) On August 16, Charge delivered reftel demarche to the MFA's Deputy Foreign Minister Maria "Belela" Herrera in order to solicit an immediate Uruguayan troop contribution to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). Herrera implied that the GOU was inclined to support UNIFIL's request, but said that she was still waiting for advice from Deputy Minister of Defense Jose Bayardi who was "looking to see if some troops could be pulled from the Congo in order to provide a decent offer." Herrera said she would communicate further information to the Charge after she spoke with Bayardi, adding that neither the UN nor the French Embassy had approached the MFA on the matter of soliciting troop contributions for UNIFIL.
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